

MINUTES
HARC ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
10:00 am

PRESENT: Michael Hobbs, Gail Rothrock, Martha Raymond, Martha Harris (chair)

GUEST: Francesco De Salvatore, Oral History Manager, Office of Historic Alexandria

LOCATION: La Madeleine, 500 King Street, Alexandria, VA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Martha Harris

WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND GUEST: Martha Harris welcomed members and guest Francesco De Salvatore and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: The major part of the meeting was a discussion with Francesco Del Salvatore, newly hired by OHA to do oral histories. We provided background on HARC and discussed the possibility of oral histories involving members of Elks Lodge 48 (members and daughters). Mr. Del Salvatore indicated that he will use the next few weeks to prepare the framework for his oral history work and will likely not begin interviews until later in the year. He thanked members for their insights and indicated an interest in staying in touch. We provided him with contact email addresses.

REVIEW OF RECENT PROJECTS: We learned that Transportation and Environmental Services has a FY 2023 budget item of \$500,000 that may be used for possible repair and maintenance of the cobblestones on lower Prince St. We await clarification of how the funds will be used.

Martha Raymond has been invited to apply for the Torpedo Factory stakeholder group. No meeting date has been set.

Michael Hobbs provided additional analysis on proposed changes to height limits in the zoning code. The group stands ready to follow upcoming meetings on this issue and encourage additional statements by HARC.

We have no new information on the Jones Point issue, or curb cuts. However, Gail encouraged members to follow the issue of planned widening of the 495 Beltway lanes and the Samuel Madden public housing project in Del Ray.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public joined the meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT HARC MEETING:

- Mention FY 2023 potential funding for cobblestone repairs and maintenance
- Any Torpedo Factory stakeholder group updates
- Any zoning code/height limit updates

Next meeting date: to be determined